

**Approval of New Boundary
for Encinal Jr. Jets
Effective at the Beginning of the
2022-23 School Year**

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The Proposal

Currently the Encinal middle school program (Jr. Jets) enrolls students exclusively through an open enrollment process.

The disadvantages of this process are:

- Some of our most underserved populations reside on the west end.
- The process of open enrollment does not allow students to attend a district middle school closest to their residence.
- Families that do not navigate the open enrollment process attend Wood MS which leads to transportation issues and attendance challenges. (Two buses are needed to get to Wood from some neighborhoods in the west end.)

With the remodel of Encinal, there is space to allow for the middle school program to withstand a boundary change, with a guarantee of attendance to all students who live within the school zone. The remodel created a building for the middle school program with designated outdoor space for 6th - 8th grade students.

Benefits of a New Boundary

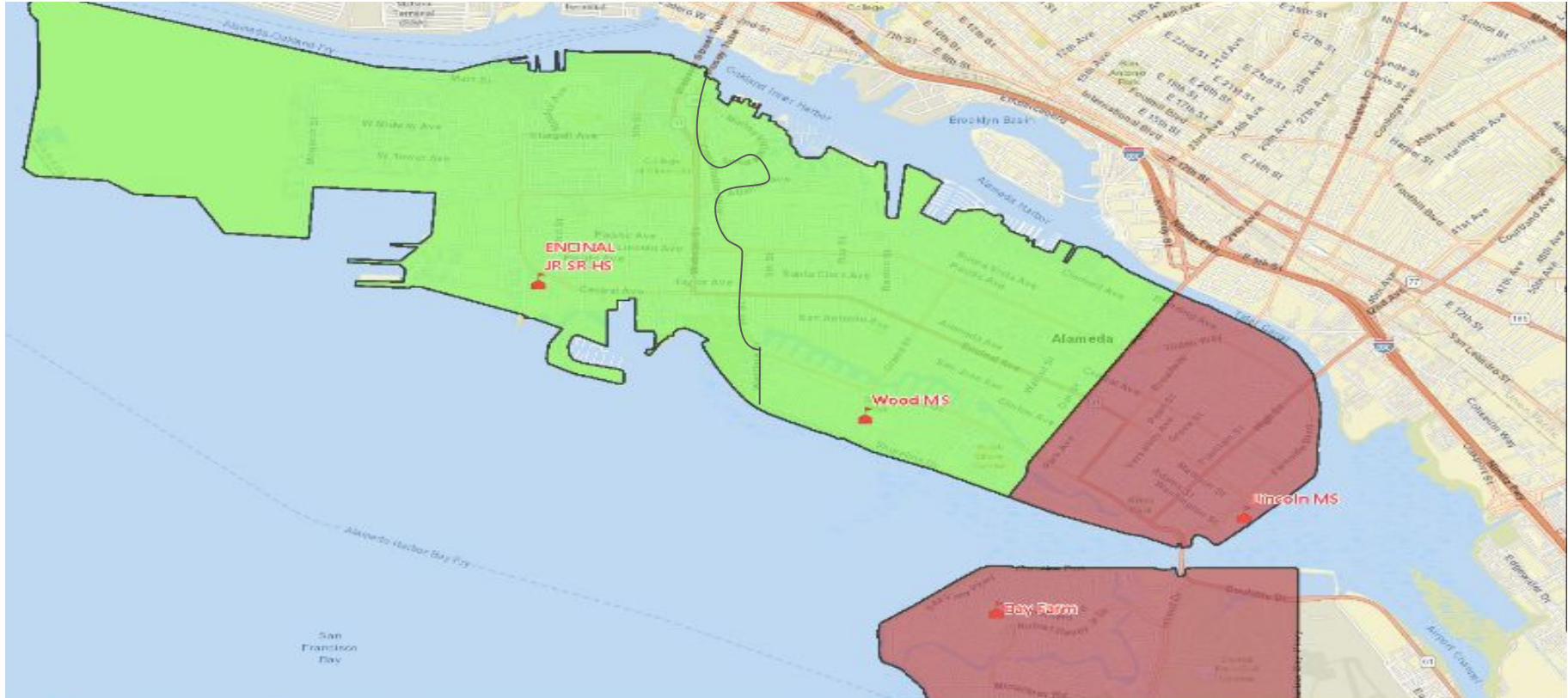
Below are some initial identified benefits to students and site systems if designated attendance zones were established:

- Families would not have to take any steps to select the middle school program closest to them during an enrollment period.
- Students would be guaranteed a middle school program that is walking distance from their home.
- Families would not have to hold responsibility for touring the campus. Sites can coordinate with the elementary school to hold tours to introduce the middle school to incoming students.
- Encinal would have a steady enrollment which will support maintaining classes for students.

Benefits of a New Boundary, *cont...*

- Wood MS would have a more predictable enrollment.
- Encinal would be able to have coordinated warm hand-off meetings with 5th grade instructional and intervention teams at specific sites. This has positive programming benefits to incoming students and connects them to programs and services without interruption or delay.
 - STAR data
 - COST management (engagement, attendance, services, etc)
 - MDTP (Is this given at elementary level?)
 - 504 lists
 - Case manager recommendations for programming and courses

Middle School Proposed Boundaries



Board Discussion